

May 21, 2020



NPRHA Members,

As you've may have heard by now, **the 2020 Missoula convention is postponed until 2021** due to circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. The local committee, the NPRHA Convention Committee, and the Board of Directors are unanimous. This difficult decision comes when our members are finalizing their plans to either travel or remain at home. This is the best guidance we are comfortable giving at this time. It protects you, and it protects our host community.

Thank you to those 50 members who have registered already. Thank you to the local convention committee, to the presenters who have volunteered, to Montana Rail Link, and to everyone else who has stepped forward to help with this convention. We feel it would have been great and still will be—in 2021.

The Holiday Inn–Missoula Downtown also has been helpful, working with us to select an alternate date in September 2021. Date details will be posted on the NPRHA web site when we settle on a time. Additionally **the hotel has begun a blanket cancellation of all individual reservations our group made**. If you're planning on coming to Missoula anyway, they will reinstate your reservations and honor the rate. Likewise, the **room rates will remain the same for our 2021 event**.

**Checks have been issued, refunding your 2020 convention registration fees (including banquet, tour, extra swap meet table charges and T-shirt payment, where applicable.)** In some cases, your personal check was returned to you instead. You should have received your check by this reading.

**Mail-in raffle entries will be carried forward to the 2021 convention.** There will be additional prizes.

We hope that you and yours are well, and that you will start to make plans to come to join us in 2021. This issue of *The Mainstreeter* was intended to be the convention issue. Please save it for next year and bring it with you on your trip.

Jan and I remain co-chairs for 2021. It's an honor to visit with old friends and make new ones. Your support already is much appreciated.

Thank you  
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**PS:**  
**As of May 27, 2020 it's official! The Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown will host our convention September 21-25, 2021. You can begin reserving your rooms in mid-September. Early is better than later.**